

## BMP 004 - Avoid Hosing Down the Site



**Description of Potential Pollutant and Source:** Cleaning work sites by hosing down causes wash water to transport pollutants to the storm drain where it can be exposed to storm water.

**Description of BMP:** Cleaning the work site by hosing down will be avoided and dry methods of cleaning will be used. Dry methods include sweeping or using damp rags or mops. If possible or practical, hoses will be removed. If hosing down is unavoidable, the downstream drain will be temporarily plugged as described in the following BMPs:

- Place Portable Rubber Mats Over Storm Drain Inlets
- Insert Filter In Catch Basin
- Place Absorbent Blankets In Catch Basin

**Application Guidance:** Methods of dry cleaning will be used whenever possible at all work stations, loading/unloading sites, maintenance sites, storage areas, and parking lots.

**Training:** New personnel will be notified of the policy; signs should be posted. If possible or practical, hoses should be removed.

**Effectiveness and Cost:** Eliminating hosing down is a highly effective, low-cost BMP.

**Limitations:** None